

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
March 20	144	117	89	\$11,030*	109	38
March 27	179	138	84	\$4976*	113	41
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for March 16 and 23, 2016

**REFERENCE**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.* (Gal. 5:22-23 NKJV)

Have you noticed that this description is singular? Paul is not telling us to reflect on one or two of these characteristics while ignoring the others. Indeed, the follower of Christ will be all of these things.

There are times when I have been asked for a reference. When I do this, I take these verses into consideration. It is not enough to be faithful in attendance if I don't see the other aspects of the fruit of the Spirit living in you. More importantly does God see you living this description?

How will you be referenced by Jesus on judgment: *“Come, you blessed of My Father”,* or *“Depart from Me?”* (Matt. 25:34, 41)

-Charles Gamble, Brunswick Church of Christ, Southport, NC, via BulletinGold, 11/9/15-

**ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND**

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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”(Matthew 5:16)*



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Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.  
6:00 P.M.  
12:30 P.M. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
Bible Study  
Sunday Morning  
10:15 A.M.  
Wednesday Evening  
7:00 P.M.

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**“THE FAITH”**

Jude urged Christians to *“contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints”* (Jude 3). Obviously, he was not referring to the personal faith of individuals when he gave such instructions, but to that system of religion which Jesus brought to the world. **“The faith”** is equated to **“the Way”** in the New Testament. And since the Scriptures plainly teach there is only **ONE** way, then there is no other logical conclusion but that there is only **ONE** faith! As Jesus said, *“I am **the** Way...”* (John 14:6), Paul declared that there is *“**one** faith”* (Ephesians 4:5).

Therefore, people are in error when they think in terms of there being “many faiths.” This fallacious concept is often manifested in conversations among people. Perhaps someone inquires of another, “What faith are you?” Actually, what they mean is “What church do you belong to?” Such terminology is employed because most people have been led to believe that there are many churches (and thus, many faiths), and that one is as good as another, and that it doesn't matter which church a person belongs to.

The Bible teaches plainly that there is only *“**one** body”* and identifies that one body as being the church (Colossians 1:18 and Ephesians 4:4). The fact that many so-called “churches” exist today does not alter the Truth that Christ established only **ONE**. He said, *“I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”* (Matthew 16:18). He purchased it with His OWN blood, giving His life for it (Acts 20:28 and Ephesians 5:25). It is His church, and God gave Him to be the head of it (Ephesians 1:20-23).

When a person hears the Gospel of Christ, believes it, and obeys it (by repenting, confessing faith in Jesus Christ as God's Son, and being baptized), he enters into **the** body of Christ. He thus becomes a Christian, a member of the Lord's church. To be in **the** church is to be in **the** Way...it is to have embraced **the** faith...to be a child of God, and a citizen of **the** heavenly kingdom.

(Maxie B. Boren, via Voice of Truth International, Volume I, 1994)

## FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

Welcome, VISITORS! The Lord's church at Carthage is so honored to have you visit with us. Your presence indicates an interest in spiritual matters. We, too, have such an interest. We encourage you to study God's Word with us and if you have questions or comments about what you hear and observe, please feel free to approach us. You are cordially invited to return at your earliest opportunity.

Attendance was good Sunday morning in spite of much sickness and some families out of town with "spring break" beginning over the weekend. Our attendance was down Sunday evening, but we enjoyed a wonderful service devoted to singing praises to God, as we have been doing on fourth Sunday nights for many years.

Contributions for March reflect an encouraging increase. God is good (James 1:17). Those who are thoughtful and thankful will respond accordingly in giving. Whether the amount we are prospered is great or small, we should give with loving gratitude. The poor widow cast but "two mites" into the treasury, but she gave with all her "might"! Let's strive to do the same.

We will be hosting "Youth Unite" Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 P.M. Drew Milligan will be the speaker. A meal, featuring spaghetti, will be provided after the service. A food sheet is posted on the foyer bulletin board. Soft drinks and desserts are also needed. NOTE: We are missing a table in the annex. It will be needed for the large crowd we anticipate for youth night and the fish fry.

Check out the "Youth", "Calendar", and "Area" events sections elsewhere in the bulletin. Many opportunities for study and spiritual nurturing are available.

A special "Thank You" is extended to those who brought laundry detergent for Tennessee Children's Home. So many of you respond to good works of this type on a regular basis. Every act of love in the name of the Lord is important.

A tender and touching portrayal of God is presented in the account of the "prodigal (waster) son" in Luke 15: "But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him" (v. 20, Emphasis added). God longs, looks, and loves. Why would any erring one not want to return to such a Father?! Come home.

I am glad you are here for our mid-week gathering. I hope to see you Sunday, too, our Lord willing.

*Edward L Anderson*

## NEWS & NOTES:

**RESPONSES:** Jordan Duke and David Dubois were baptized here at the building last Wednesday morning. Sunshine Cothorn came forward Wednesday evening requesting prayer for forgiveness and strength.

**SICK:** Gary Lester has had increased difficulty breathing, but he has been approved for a new medicine for his lung condition. Pray that it will help. Jordan Tongate will be undergoing surgery at Vanderbilt on Friday. Jean Whitaker, grandmother of Pam Morris and Sarah Mauldin, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Kathy Kemp's mother underwent surgery last Friday. Dylan Gregory, grandson of Jerry and Cheryl Hicks, underwent ear surgery (tubes), last week. Jack Grisham is recuperating and rehabbing after surgery on his left hand/fingers. Scotty Yeaman received a good report from his doctor's visit last week. He and Gaye have had some better days recently. Ray Upchurch is now at home. Janice Anderson has been suffering with her feet and lower legs and will be seeing a specialist. Jody Morris has been sick. It was good to see Cathy Stafford and James Hall able to be with us recently. Sherry Pritchett will begin a new treatment in the next few days. Josh Dillard has begun chemo treatments in preparation for a stem-cell transplant. Prayers have been requested for Jeff Farr, relative of Cheryl Hicks. Doris Moore, cousin to W. A. Gibbs, is very ill in a Cookeville nursing facility. Prayers have been requested for Benny Houser, who recently suffered a stroke. Prayer has also been requested for Ashley Thomas, a friend of Katie Bennett. Prayers have been requested for the following: Judy Harris; Jennie Burnett; Angela Haynes, David's granddaughter; Pat Dixon's young grandson, Jay; Gary Lester; Dick Marvin; Lisa Agee; Bob Harville; Walter Vanatta; Lisa Decker; Patsy Link; Jan Chaffin, Bob White; Brandon Powell; Glenda Hicks; Shirley Stamps.

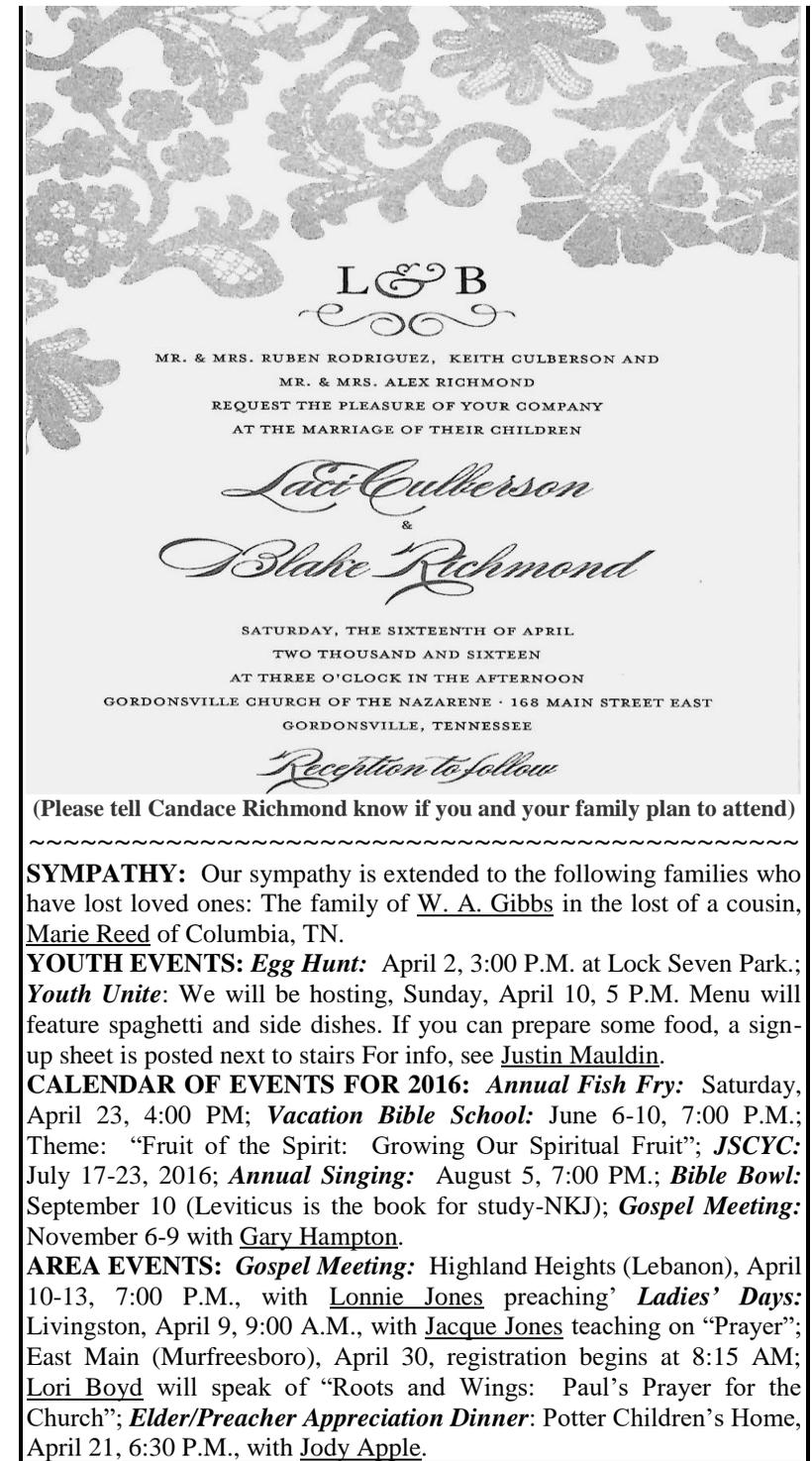
**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:** Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Huey Smith; Erlene Miller; (Kindred); Imogene Reeves and Jackie Spivey (The Palace - RBS); Shelton Marty (Huntsville, AL); Frank Williams (former member), Elm Croft in Lebanon; Vestle Gentry (White Oak Nursing Facility, Spartanburg, S.C.).

**SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Wilma Richardson; Shirley Holmes; Jerry Hackett; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

**IN MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Charles & Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Matt West, Linda Dicken's grandson (Marines); Zack Tongate, son of Scott & Debbie Tongate (Marines); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Marines) and Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines).

**THANK YOU:** The church has received thank you expressions and read notes of gratitude from the following: Holly and Derek Coblentz and the Gibbs' family; Scotty and Gaye Yeaman; Gary and Sherry Lester; and Wilma Richardson.

**CHURCH SIGN:** We are not Dairy Queen, but we have great Sundays!



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TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN  
AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
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*Reception to follow*

(Please tell Candace Richmond know if you and your family plan to attend)

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the following families who have lost loved ones: The family of W. A. Gibbs in the lost of a cousin, Marie Reed of Columbia, TN.

**YOUTH EVENTS:** *Egg Hunt:* April 2, 3:00 P.M. at Lock Seven Park.; *Youth Unite:* We will be hosting, Sunday, April 10, 5 P.M. Menu will feature spaghetti and side dishes. If you can prepare some food, a sign-up sheet is posted next to stairs For info, see Justin Mauldin.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016:** *Annual Fish Fry:* Saturday, April 23, 4:00 PM; *Vacation Bible School:* June 6-10, 7:00 P.M.; Theme: "Fruit of the Spirit: Growing Our Spiritual Fruit"; *JSCYC:* July 17-23, 2016; *Annual Singing:* August 5, 7:00 PM.; *Bible Bowl:* September 10 (Leviticus is the book for study-NKJ); *Gospel Meeting:* November 6-9 with Gary Hampton.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Gospel Meeting:* Highland Heights (Lebanon), April 10-13, 7:00 P.M., with Lonnie Jones preaching' *Ladies' Days:* Livingston, April 9, 9:00 A.M., with Jacque Jones teaching on "Prayer"; East Main (Murfreesboro), April 30, registration begins at 8:15 AM; Lori Boyd will speak of "Roots and Wings: Paul's Prayer for the Church"; *Elder/Preacher Appreciation Dinner:* Potter Children's Home, April 21, 6:30 P.M., with Jody Apple.